

Grand Teton

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Grand Teton National Park
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Internship Opportunity

Would you like to gain valuable work experience with the National Park Service while contributing your personal skills and talents? Consider working as a park ranger naturalist intern. This is a terrific chance to meet and work with people while living and working in a beautiful natural and wild setting.

As a park ranger naturalist intern you would gain experience and training in presenting thematic naturalist programs, become familiar with operations at a visitor center in a large national park, and gain knowledge on a variety of topics including wildlife biology, botany, forest ecology, geology, native American culture, history and park management. In addition, there are many recreational opportunities to hike, backpack, canoe, kayak, raft, fish, rock climb, and observe wildlife.

Qualifications

Applicants must be high school graduates with a solid academic background or college students in a declared major field of study such as natural or physical sciences, history, education, communications, natural science interpretation, or recreation and resource management. An interest or experience in interpretation or environmental education, natural or cultural history would be helpful, but is not required. Applicants should have a strong interest in resource preservation and management, an ability to communicate ideas effectively, and enthusiasm for

sharing knowledge with others.

Duties and Responsibilities

Working in the field of interpretation consists of positions that deal directly with park visitors. After completing a training session, the work involves answering questions at visitor centers and providing trip planning help at an information desk, researching, preparing, and presenting short guided walks and talks, presenting evening campfire talks, leading children's programs, providing information to individuals you may encounter on trails or overlooks and completing a wide variety of special projects. Work in other divisions such as administration, resource management, visitor protection, and maintenance may be available to round out the internship experience.

Dates of Service

Summer, spring, and fall intern positions are available. These positions are available for fourteen- to sixteen-week periods between late May to mid-August for summer positions, Labor Day to late-December for fall positions, and early January to mid-May for the winter/spring positions.

Area Information

Grand Teton National Park is located in northwestern Wyoming, just north of the town of Jackson, and just south of Yellowstone National Park. The park consists of about 310,000 acres encompassing the magnificent scenery of the Teton Range and the valley known as Jackson Hole. Wildlife found in the park includes moose, elk, bison, bears, wolves, coyotes, bald eagles, trumpeter swans and a variety of other animals. Vegetation ranges from sagebrush in the dry Jackson Hole valley, to forests of lodgepole pines and other conifers, to



Benefits

Interns selected for the program will participate in all training and orientation normally attended by the interpretive staff, and will receive rent-free housing, a stipend of \$120 per week for a 12 week assignment and a uniform. This program is sponsored by the Grand Teton Natural History Association. Upon completion of the program, interns will also have received the equivalent of a season's experience working for the National Park Service, which could be of benefit when applying for a paid seasonal position in the future.

Application Procedures

Submit a detailed resume which lists education, work experience, hobbies and other interests, and at least three references. College students or graduates should also include a college transcript.

The application deadline for summer internships is March 1; for fall internships is August 30; and for winter/spring internships is November 30. For additional information call Andrew Langford at 307-739-3401 or Elizabeth Maki at 307-739-3592.

Mail completed applications to:
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